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Mrs. Claus and her admirers ...

Mrs. Claus was on hand to entertain children at the train station during A Didsbury Country Christmas held on the weekend.

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SCHOOL BOARD

Local schools are not fundraising for essentials

**Chinook's Edge Chair Roy Brassard
said local fundraising does not go
towards needed textbooks**

by Richard Westlund

Parents in the Chinook's Edge School Division are not fundraising for essential items such as textbooks says Board Chair Roy Brassard.

On the heels of a survey released by the Alberta Liberals stating that more than 70 per cent of respondents said they are fund-raising for basics like books and computers, Brassard said to his knowledge it is not happening locally.

"No we haven't had any of that," he said. "Any fundraising is done for extras like band trips and school sports. To my knowledge no schools are raising money for essentials."

Alberta Learning Minister immediately wanted to hear from schools that were fundraising for essentials shortly after Liberal Leader Ken Nicol released the report.

Ninety-one per cent of respondents said they didn't think it was up to parents to pay for basic materials.

Brassard said the minister has gone on record as saying that he wants to hear about situations where people are fundraising for essentials.

**"Any fundraising is done for extras like
band trips and school sports."**

- Roy Brassard,
Chinook's Edge Board Chair

"If schools are short of textbooks and there is a chronic problem than he (minister) deserves to hear about it."

Brassard said the Chinook's Edge School Division has been responsible with its resources and said one of the main reasons, the division isn't forced to fundraise for core services is because of the job administrations do at local schools.

"One of the reasons we are in the position we are in is because of good site-based management."

On the point that schools fundraise for items like band trips and school sports, Brassard wishes that too wasn't necessary. He sites those experiences as being important in offering a well-rounded education. He agrees they are not essentials but that they are important nonetheless.

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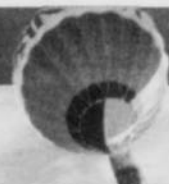
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ALCOHOL AND ROADS

Local RCMP on the lookout for impaired drivers

by Richard Westlund



Sgt. Ron Platz displays the detachment's Breathalizer which will be used for those who choose to drink and drive this Christmas season.

Didsbury RCMP will be on the lookout for drunk drivers more than usual during the month of December.

Checkstops will be set up almost every night in December to discourage those who think about drinking and driving during and leading up to the holiday season.

"Although we do checkstop throughout the year, we increase them to a high level during the month of December," said Didsbury Staff Sergeant Ron Platz. "We do this every year to discourage drinking and driving and try to do it nightly."

During the rest of the year local RCMP try to set up checkstops at least three times a week.

Because resources are limited for a small town detachment, local police will team up with other agencies and other departments to help run the December campaign. The Didsbury attachment does the same thing during the rest of the year as well. During hunting season they will do checkstops with Alberta Fish and Wildlife.

Platz said he believes pub-

"We always have those who ignore it. So we are out there to act as a deterrent. Obviously we hope we don't catch anybody but we at least want to be a deterrent."

- Ron Platz,
Didsbury RCMP

lic awareness campaigns are having an affect on the masses but not enough yet not to warrant the heightened scrutiny during the Christmas season.

"During New Year's Eve we are seeing more designated drivers."

And in larger centres there are programs that are set up to give people who are partying a way to get home. Some programs have drivers that take people home and often free transit or cabs rides are offered to party-goers.

"But we always have those who ignore it. So we are out there to act as a deterrent. Obviously we hope we don't catch anybody but we at least want to be a deterrent."

At a checkstop when RCMP pull someone over and have probable cause they have been drinking, they get the individual to blow into an Alcoser - a hand-held device which measure three different levels of impairedness. If the result gives officers probable cause the individual is intoxicated they then bring them back to the station where they are forced to blow into a Breathalizer machine.

If the person is impaired they immediately have their license taken away and are given a 21 day temporary licence. After that they are suspended drivers unless they can prove in court they are not guilty.

CHINOOK'S EDGE

Provincial mediator appointed for local teacher contract talks

Alberta Labour has appointed a provincial mediator to assist in discussions between Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) Board and the Alberta Teachers' Association Local No. 17.

The mediator has selected December 13, 2001 as the date for a meeting with the mediator and the local negotiating teams, which include ATA Local No.17 representatives as well as the CESD negotiating committee.

ATA Local No. 17 asked to have a mediator appointed at the last meeting with CESD

Board, on November 5, 2001.

"We are hopeful this process of mediation will lead us to a

local solution and ultimately a settlement," said Roy Brassard, CESD Board Chair.

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Between the lines ...

photo by Richard Westlund

Dale McRae puts the finishing touches on a candle he painted on the storefront window of Contemporary Graphics last week. Most businesses on mainstreet have decorated their windows for the upcoming Christmas season.

DIDSBURY LODGE County Councillor says new lodge being built on backs of seniors

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County Councillor Dave Derksen said he believes the Didsbury Lodge is being built on the backs of other County lodge residents at last Wednesday's regular Council meeting.

Derksen, who sits on Mountain View Senior Housing board, formerly the Mountain View Management Board, made the comment after fellow board member and County Councillor Charlie Van Arnem told Council that rents will rise for seniors.

The Mountain View Management Board approved a hike of four per cent for general rent across the County and Van Arnem said some of that money may be earmarked for the Didsbury Lodge.

Derksen told Council that there hadn't been a requisition increase from Mountain View Seniors Housing since 1996 but that rents have risen almost annually.

"I think it has come to the point where it is unfair," said Derksen. "I believe it looks like we are building a lodge on the backs of seniors."

Derksen told Council that he would go back to the board and recommend they increase their requisition by one or two per cent.

Reeve Ian Harvie said he couldn't support the comments being made by Derksen and said that if there was to be an increase in requisitions he would like to see what long term maintenance plans were and be given a whole picture of the County situation.

Van Arnem added that County rates are a "fair ways" under what the province allows to be charged as a maximum.

Raising money for the lodge has proven to be a challenge for Mountain View Seniors Housing. They battled the province in hopes of being able to raise funds through lotteries but have been unsuccessful in being able to collect capital costs through that avenue.

They are allowed to fundraise for items that will go into the lodge through a separate society that has already been set up. The finished project will cost around \$4 million. At the time of the official ground breaking that occurred in November, \$1.3 million was raised. The group is now looking at having part of the lodge financed now and paid for later.

Doreen Wilson, CAO of the Mountain View Management Board, said they are looking at borrowing up to \$2 million for the completion of the lodge, but that the goal remains to raise as much money as is possible to keep the borrowing amount as low as they can. The board has applied for \$1 million in the new round of HAPI grants but have not heard back on the status of their application. So far about \$10,000 has been raised through private donations including \$450 that was raised recently at the Didsbury Chorale Society's Christmas Cantata.

There are over 50 people on a waiting list for the new Didsbury Lodge and the list for lodges in the County is about 180.

Before the project starts to undergo construction of Didsbury Hospital land, input from the public and other lodges will be sought.

HELPING HANDS

Hearthstone trying to improve service to families

by Chris Puglia

If you had to, could you save a child from a life of abuse, would you know where to go, or what to do?

If you wanted to start a recreational program aimed at keeping youth out of the troubles caused by small community boredom, would you know where to start?

If your answer is yes you are probably involved in an aspect of child and family services.

Unfortunately, the awareness in the public domain is slim unless you have had contact with child and family services and there are a number of reasons for that.

First, the Hearthstone Child and Family Services Re-

gion 5, which operates in the same boundaries as Health Authority 5, deals with sensitive and confidential subject matter that cannot be released to the community.

Secondly, they usually deal with aspects of society life that people would rather not see.

"Our mandate deals with difficult issues and people don't always want to deal with those difficult issues," said Hearthstone CEO Jon Reeves.

Reeves added that there are also stigma's that have to be dissolved, stigma's that don't portray child services in a very positive light.

It is for those reasons that Hearthstone was trying to encourage a constructive public exchange to offer input on

how they could improve their operations in the community.

Unfortunately, although well advertised, community turnout was non-existent, the 12 people that filled the school library were in some way associated with Hearthstone.

The first step in that process was a public information forum held at Westglen School recently.

The forum was an opportunity to become more informed on what services the region provides, said Hearthstone's co-chair Wil Porat.

Even though there was very little community attendance at the forum there is still ample opportunity for the community to become involved with children.

In fact there was a con-

structive exchange of ideas and it was felt the forum was valuable.

"Public participation is critical to ensuring Hearthstone Services address the needs of each specific community we serve. The value of resident's input is immeasurable and family services in the community."

One way is to join the local community council, a committee that has struggled for members in the Didsbury, Cremona, Carstairs and Water Valley area.

Those interested in being a member of the community council can call the Didsbury office for Hearthstone at 335-7660.

Hearthstone provides services in the areas of child protection, foster care, children

with special needs, and to the members of the community.

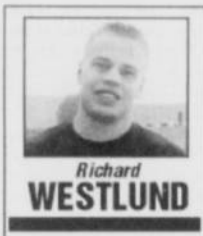
"Their role is to be the eyes and ears of the community, look at trends and look at community needs and help the community be part of the solution to the difficulty of kids," said Porat. "Hearthstone can't do this alone."

Hearthstone has programs for family violence, early intervention, community resource programs, adoptions, child financial support and a host of others.

To highlight one example of how hearthstone tries to protect children, it is the first region in Canada to have a child prostitution treatment centre to help address the trauma of youth prostitution and integrate victims back into the community.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Christmas memories



Richard
WESTLUND

It's beginning to feel a lot more like Christmas now that we have received enough snow to make everything white.

And "A Didsbury Country Christmas" did its part last Friday to get everybody in the mood for the upcoming Christmas celebration.

Memories will be made by families this holiday season, just as they have been done in the past at this time of year.

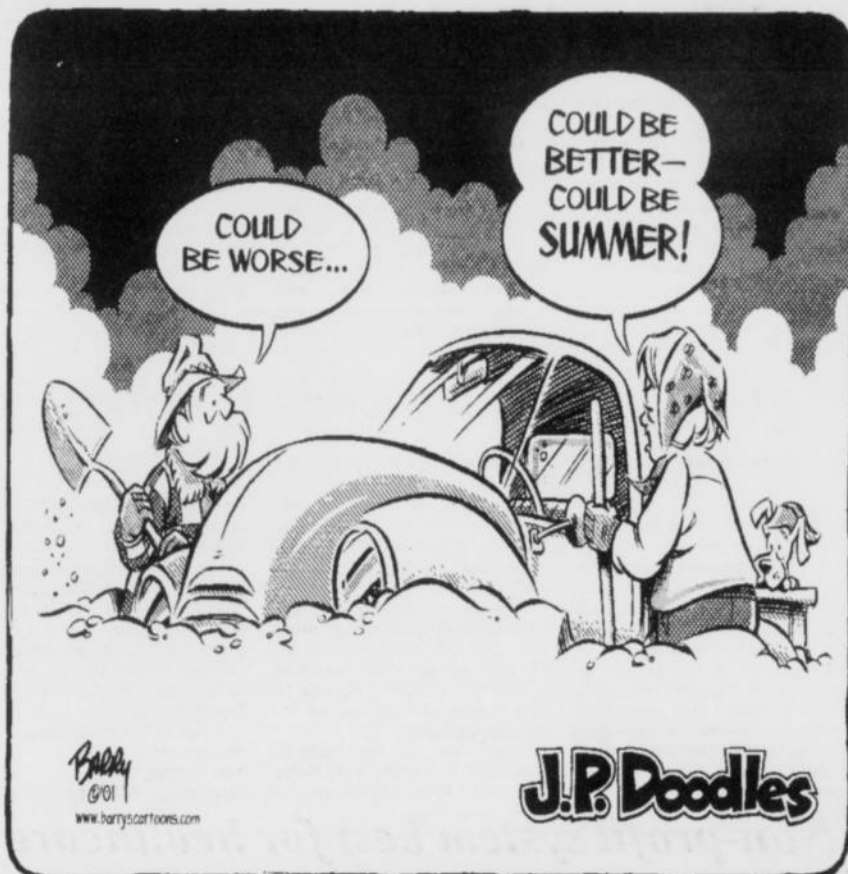
Christmas is a time of year that we can all look back on and remember significant things that have happened to us. It is a backdrop for memories whether they were of a special moment with a relative or finally receiving the gift you wanted so bad as a child.

One of my favourite memories is getting up early Christmas morning and having to do chores as an entire family before getting to open presents. At the time we all moaned about the exercise as we were anxious to open our gifts and go through our stockings and now it is something I miss about Christmas.

I also remember going out west as a family in search of the perfect Christmas tree. It was cutting the tree down that was fun, but having to drag it back ...

The Didsbury Review would like to have submissions of favourite or defining Christmas moments from its readers to be included in the Christmas edition which will be published on Dec. 19. Good or bad, significant or just fun, we are interested in your stories and would like to include them in our special section. Take the time to do the exercise with your kids or parents and maybe learn a bit more about each others' Christmas pasts.

Stories can be as long or as short as you want them to be but should be submitted to the paper by Dec. 13.



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EDITORIAL

Albertans deserve accountability

On the surface, the topics of MLA pay, teachers' pay and the Citizens' Initiative Act do not appear to be related to each other. But all three are joined together by a common theme: accountability.

As I write this column, the government is trying to take a "tough but fair" approach to teachers' salaries. Under normal circumstances, teachers would be hard pressed to turn down an offer making them the best paid in Canada, especially considering that Alberta has the lowest overall tax burden in Canada. The absence of a provincial sales tax, plus income tax and business tax rates well below the Canadian average, mean that Alberta teachers keep more of their earnings than teachers in other provinces.

Unfortunately for Alberta taxpayers, the government lost its moral authority to bargain effectively when MLAs gave themselves a 10% after-inflation pay increase, and fattened their severance pay to three months' salary for every year in office. They did this in an almost-secret meeting of an all-party Committee of MLAs, just

after the August long weekend.

The MLAs failed to seek any input from Albertans, who will foot the bill for these increases. Further, the MLAs put themselves in a blatant conflict of interest by having the increases go into effect immediately, and not after the next provincial election.

In contrast, Ontario's Members of Provincial Parliament voted themselves a raise that will take effect only after the next election.

Having feathered their own nests, MLAs are now staring the Alberta Teachers Association in the eye, offering teachers a 6% raise over the next two years. Who do you think will blink?

MLAs can get away with putting millions more of the taxpayers' dollars into their own pockets because there is very little accountability in our democracy.

Voters have a real say for only one moment, once every four years. Between elections, they must approach their MPs and MLAs cap-in-hand. Elections do not provide taxpayers with a direct say on a specific issue of concern. That's because

the only real question during an election is: "which leader/party do you want as Premier/government?"

The cure for this lack of accountability is found in Switzerland, Italy, 23 U.S. states, New Zealand, and British Columbia: giving voters the right to initiate a referendum on an issue of concern. Citizen-initiated referendums take away the politicians' blank cheque to do whatever they want. Politicians can no longer avoid topics which make them feel uncomfortable, or ignore the wishes of their constituents.

Alberta MLAs will soon vote on the Citizens Initiative Act - probably this week. If this private member's bill passes and becomes law, Albertans will obtain the right to initiate and vote in referendums on a provincial issue of their choice. Although 79% of Albertans support this legislation (Enviro-nics poll), MLAs rejected it in 1994, 1996 and 1998. If you want more accountability, call your MLA and tell her or him to vote for this bill.

- John Carpay
Canadian Taxpayers Federation

ponderings of the heart

"A Christmas Blessing in July!!"

by Margaret Fradley

Stop! Take a cup of tea or coffee and ponder with me for a moment if you will.

After giving it much thought & a prayer, I realize that my sending out Christmas cards has become a tradition that has become somewhat meaningless. Certainly it is a time to remember family and friends, a time for getting in touch with one another which is very important to me. But when this becomes almost a compulsion. When I feel rushed, to run out and buy, write and send cards at this particular season, it has lost for me some of its meaning.

Most of our letters end up saying much the same thing, but you see, I want to make my message to you special, for you are important and unique, each one of you has a meaningful, personal relationship with me.

Now although I will no longer be sending out my traditional Christmas cards, be assured that throughout the coming year, each of you will hear from me. Not when I feel I have to but when somehow God lays you on my heart, for any reason, hopefully at a time when perhaps you need encouragement or just to hear from an old friend, a time I have a deep desire to touch base with you. It will be fun to see when I write, there will hopefully be an element of anticipation and freshness through our contact, of course I wish God's richest blessings on you and your family at Christmas but also throughout the year.

"Joy to the World, the Lord is come," and The Wonders of His love are precious for any time of the year. God's best.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Town of Didsbury should support Poppy Drive

To the Editor,

I've noted that in the last issue of your paper, that the Didsbury Town Council voted not to give the Carstairs Legion any money for expenses incurred for the Poppy Campaign in Didsbury. Their letter asked for a donation to the Fund, not for expenses as reported. The members of the Poppy Fund committee, bear all their own expenses.

Mountain View County

council got the same letter and three days later, the Legion had their donation.

Quite likely the majority of your council don't know that the Didsbury Branch of the Legion gave up its charter several years ago. The remaining members transferred to Carstairs or to Olds. Most of them joined Carstairs, and while they were with the Didsbury Legion, they gave a lot to the town and commu-

nity by way of services and money.

After World War 2, the Legion started a building fund for a hall of their own, and when the first enclosed skating rink in Didsbury was built, their building fund was given to the Arena fund. They also donated a lot of labor to help build it. They donated to the first swimming pool and to the complex when they were built. They were the

first sponsors of Didsbury Scouting Group and were active for 50 years. They built the old log Scout Hall with help from other groups, but they never got their own Hall. There are many more instances where they lent a hand.

I would like to reassure the councillor who made the remark that Olds Legion might ask for funds if Carstairs received a donation. I am a member of Olds Legion now, and would like to refer him to a full page writeup with photos, which appear in a recent issue of the Olds Albertan, showing the Olds Legion donating to groups and charities to the tune of \$159,313.00. I would say it is highly unlikely that Olds Legion will be approaching Didsbury Town Council in the near future.

Thank you Councillor Watt for your one vote in favor.

For the record, the Carstairs Legion donated from the Poppy Fund to the following groups, which our local people have use of, the Mountain View Food Bank - \$300.00, Christmas hampers Didsbury - \$300.00, the Handicapped Riding Association - \$300.00 and finally the Didsbury Hospital Foundation - \$600.00. In addition from their general fund, they donated to Scouts, Didsbury Army Cadets, Olds Air Cadets, the Battered Women's Shelter, Veterans Hospital and related care groups, to name a few.

I would like to add my thanks to the local businesses and groups who donated to the Fund.

I know you all got a Thank You card as I did, but I very much appreciate your support for the Poppy Fund.

E.J. Mullen

Financial help needed in Didsbury to make Christmas great for everyone

Dear Editor,

With all the snow and ice it really gets a person thinking about Christmas. For some of us the thought of Christmas brings joy as we think of spending time with family and friends but for others the pressures of another tax on the family finances with the gifts and such, it is anything but a joyous occasion. Christmas Helpers was formed to take the pressure off families struggling month after month.

However, we need your help to accomplish this large task. Most of all, I want to make sure that no one who needs help is missed.

For this reason due to my busy lifestyle, all names must be phoned to Zion E.M. Church during office hours at 335-3629. Please help me in this matter and address all inquiries that way.

Then we need your help financially to purchase turkeys and extra food. Thank you in

advance for helping. All gifts should be made to Zion E.M. Church and mark hampers for a tax receipt. Urgently needed gifts for men, women, teens, children. Please drop off at the Post Office. Didsbury is a great place to live. People care for each other and this is just one of the great ways we prove it is the best place to live.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,
Linda Sir,
Didsbury, Alberta

Non-profit system best for healthcare

Dear Editor:

In my view the best and most economical health care for Canadians can only be achieved through a non-profit public health care system.

Health care is not a good, service or commodity that lends itself to trading. Health care should be a right, rather than a privilege.

Our public health care system needs to be improved so that all medically necessary procedures and supplies are covered, and waiting lists reduced. Federal and provincial governments should ensure the sustainability of our public health care system by providing appropriate funding for public health care out of general revenue, even if it means raising taxes.

Before raising taxes, however, legal loopholes which permit very wealthy Canadians to avoid paying their fair share of

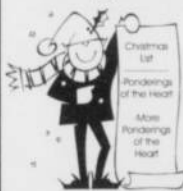
tax by taking advantage of tax havens, etc. should be closed. These loopholes are unfair to the rest of Canadians and the revenue realized from closing them could provide substantial funding for health care.

Wealthy Canadians seem to be the most vocal advocates for cutting taxes. Looking at it from a moral point of view, a wealthy person may have to forego the purchase of a piece

of jewelry, entertainment, travel or some other luxury if he or she has to pay more tax to fund public health care. For a low-income Canadian, however, to be denied public health care could mean the difference between financial stability and bankruptcy, or, worse still, between life and death.

Yours truly,
William Dascavich
Vegreville, Alberta

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- Regular Council: December 12, 2001
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- MPC: December 5, 2001
- Community Services: December 18, 2001

NOTICES

By-law 2001-07, Nuisance By-law, has been granted first reading by Council. This By-law deals with unsightly yards, litter, weeds etc. Copies of this By-law are available to the Public at the Town Office.

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Vouchers for home schoolers would be nice

Dear Editor,

Good to see such a progressive change in our public school board trustees. Accountability and open communication in black and white. Hats off!

What's next? Local vouchers for home schoolers (that unforgettable group)? Why not? Hope so! That would really be fair play!

Thank-you,
Christine Given

NEWS

COUNTY COUNCIL Councillor wants action on building

by Chris Puglia

Division 6 councillor Charlie Van Arnam wants to know when county council will be acting on the issue of the proposed new county administration building, which was defeated in a plebescite by local ratepayers by a margin of nearly 75 per cent.

"We have a motion hanging out there on the new administration building. I want to know what we're doing with that," said Arnam.

The concern was brought up at the end of the council's regular meeting held last week and Arnam was concerned at the lack of discussion the issue has generated since the October election.

County commissioner Harold Johnsrude said the issue is scheduled for discussion during Council's January 7 workshop.

The time frame was set-up to give the new councillors a

chance to look at the issues as well as give administration time to prepare additional reports on the condition of the old building.

Johnsrude says reports are being done on the structural condition of the building and to determine if there is asbestos in the insulation. Those points will then be included in the discussion in January.

"Administration right now is doing more work on it," said Johnsrude.

Voters turned down the resolution to construct a new county building following a petition submitted by county residents that forced a plebescite.

However, it was later determined, following the results of the ballot, that the petition was invalid under the Municipal Government Act.

County council and county administration have both said the fact the petition was rendered invalid will not effect the validity of the plebescite.

Waiting lists concerns local lodge

by Chris Puglia

The Carstairs Lodge is full, the Olds Lodge is full, the Didsbury Lodge, which hasn't been built yet, is full. In fact, if you toured Mountain View County you would notice no vacancy signs on every lodge and assisted living facility in the county.

The problem isn't one that is expected to get better either as waiting lists continue to rise. "We're basically in a crisis situation in Mountain View County," said Zander Cook, manager of Chinook Winds Lodge. "New applicants to the lodge can expect long delays."

Currently the wait list to get into Chinook Winds lodge is about 40 people and Cook says there are another 50 that still need to be interviewed and scored. That means there will be 100 people waiting to get into the lodge in just one of the five communities in the county.

And, just because you are at the top of the list right now doesn't mean you'll be the next to gain residency into the lodge.

"The wait list changes constantly one day you could be

number one on the list and then be bumped down to five or vice versa, it's not a first come first serve basis," said Cook. Potential entrants into the lodge are scored out of 100 based on criteria such as financial need, physical need, emotional need, social need and a few others. The higher the applicant scores, the higher on the wait list they are placed.

"I'm getting lots of calls from people asking when their mom is going to get here and I can't give them an answer its just so volatile," said Cook.

"The only solution I can think of is to add another storey, to the building."

Although no concrete studies have been done on the lo-

gistics of adding a second storey to the lodge Cook says he has been told that the building's structure could support that type of upgrade.

However, with provincial funding being cut back and very little support coming from government sources for capital costs such as lodges it is unlikely the project would be considered feasible.

However, Cook says the problem definitely needs to be addressed and the new Didsbury Lodge will not alleviate concerns in Carstairs because that facility has already been filled despite the fact that construction has not begun and a waiting list is expected following its construction.

STARS called out to accident

On the morning of Nov. 24, RCMP Innisfail Freeway Patrol were called to the scene of a serious two (2) vehicle collision on the #2 Highway 4.6 Kilometres south of the Olds overpass. Investigation has revealed that a northbound Jeep YJ, operated by a 23 year old female from Calgary, Alberta, was northbound on the Highway, when the vehicle lost control and skidded sideways through the centre median into the southbound lanes.

A southbound trailer unit hauling hay bales, operated by a 24 year old male from Valleyview, Alberta, attempted to maneuver around the Jeep YJ, but the Jeep struck the left side of the tractor unit causing

the trailers to flip on the highway and spill the hay. The driver of the Jeep sustained serious injuries in the collision and was transported to the Foothills hospital by STARS air ambulance, where she remains in serious but stable condition. A 44 year old female passenger in the jeep was also transported to the hospital where she was treated and released.

The truck driver and his 20 year old passenger did not sustain any injuries in this collision.

Once again, Police would like to remind drivers of the winter driving conditions that can change without notice. Reduce your speeds, don't brake or accelerate suddenly and DO

not use cruise control when the roads could be icy.

The collision is still under investigation.

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Hospital will host one of the biggest Christmas events in Town

by Richard Westlund

The Didsbury Hospital will be the site for one of the largest Christmas parties in Town this year.

On Dec. 6 a special Christmas dinner will be held and every resident in the long-term care facility will have the op-

portunity to invite four members to the dinner.

"The whole hospital is literally full of people," said organizer Dawna Farnya. "It is a sit down dinner for everybody and is one of the largest Christmas events in Town."

There will also be a number of entertainers at the event.

Counterfeit bills surface in Didsbury again

The RCMP would like to alert the public of two incidents of counterfeit bills in Didsbury, and one incident in Olds.

The counterfeit bills are American Fifty Dollar bills, serial number: AD36236800A.

One of the bills was accepted at the Didsbury Liquor Store, and the other is unknown.

In Olds, two males attempted to use the counterfeit American Fifty dollar bill at the Dairy Queen.

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Didsbury Golf Club

Notice of General Meeting at
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CHINOOK'S EDGE

Chinook's Edge libraries turn a new page

Step into the library at Reed Ranch School, east of Olds, and you'll see a transformation beginning. First, the school plans to clear out some of the shelves and furniture that divide the library in half, making for a more inviting and open space for its 72 students. Also, Reed Ranch added the part time position of library technologist this year. Then, the school ordered approximately \$1,700 worth of books, and Reed Ranch will be changing its library sign-out from the old card system, onto a library computer system.

"This is great," said Donna Friesen, Reed Ranch Library Technologist, talking about the changes. "We think they will make our library a more welcoming place, and that will be better for Reed Ranch students. Our library will be more than just a place to exchange books. We're going to make it become a center for reading and research."

Reed Ranch is just one of many Chinook's Edge Schools working to improve its library. A library review conducted throughout Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) two years ago showed school libraries could improve in two areas: resources and programming. CESD's Board acted on the review and set aside \$300,000 to assist with both priority areas.

In the 2000/2001 school year, schools began using one time funding to purchase resources, mostly fiction and non-fiction books that go hand in hand with curriculum. At the beginning of the 2001/2002 school year, CESD hired a Library Coordinator to assist schools in



Chinook's Edge students will benefit from action taken from a recent library review according to its Board.

developing their library programs. The goal is to make libraries more than just a place to sign out books. The Division would like to see schools use their libraries as a place to

teach students how to conduct research.

Anderson will be working with schools to develop ways teachers can integrate research (and libraries) into their cur-

riculum. Part of that process is an upcoming workshop, to be held at River Glen School (in Red Deer), on December 6 & 7, 2001. Principals, library staff and teachers from each of the

Division's schools will gather with Anderson to find practical ways research can be used within curriculum.

"We want to show people the possibilities," said Anderson.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

Nominating a teacher for an award is an excellent idea

Edmonton.... Albertans are invited to salute in the province's many outstanding teachers including principals by nominating them for a 2002 Excellence in Teaching Award.

The Awards public honour creative, innovative and effective teaching. This yearly recognition of excellence in teaching acknowledges that every day thousands of Alberta educators make a valuable and lasting contribution to the lives of their students. Teachers help prepare young people for lifelong success by employing a combination of knowledge, skills, enthusiasm and dedication. Nominating a teacher for an Excellence in Teaching Award is a wonderful way Albertans can show their appreciation for teachers' daily commitment to students' learning.

"The success of Alberta's students is a direct reflection of the tremendous work being done by our teachers. Teachers play a key role in the quality of Alberta's education system and their commitment is recognized beyond the borders of the classroom,"

"It provides an opportunity for all Albertans to publicly recognize and celebrate outstanding teaching province-wide."

- Dr. Lyle Oberg,
Learning minister

said Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Learning. "Outstanding teachers not only inspire their students, their contribution is felt by their colleagues and the community. That's why the Excellence in Teaching Awards is such a terrific program. It provides an opportunity for all Albertans to publicly recognize and celebrate outstanding teaching province-wide."

In April 2002, 131 finalists will be announced. From the finalist, 20 teachers will receive an Excellence in Teaching Award. In addition, one teacher will receive the APPEGA Excellence in Teaching Mathematics /

Science Award, and a second, the SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Award. All provincial award recipients will be honoured at a dinner and award ceremony in Edmonton on May 4, 2002.

Details of eligibility and selection criteria are available in each nomination package. The package can be obtained from Alberta Learning's web site at <http://www.learning.gov.ab.ca/teaching> or by calling (780) 413-9547 or toll free at 1-888-414-9547. All nominations postmarked on or before February 4, 2002 will be accepted.

The 14th annual Excellence in Teaching Awards is presented by Alberta Learning and the Alberta Excellence in Teaching Foundation. Members are: The Document Company, XEROX, The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, the Alberta School Boards Association, Edmonton Journal, Fraser Milner Casgrain, SMARTer Kids Foundation, Syncrude and the Alberta Chambers of Commerce.

LIFESTYLES

AROUND THE CIRCLE Golf Club meeting held tonight

Wednesday Dec 5.

The annual general meeting at the Didsbury Golf club will be held at the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

The Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce will be judging Christmas light displays on Dec. 6th or 7th in four categories, small urban yard, large urban yard, rural and display. Rural residents should register with the Chamber of Commerce office at 335-3635. Plaques will be presented to all winners at a C of C dinner in the New Year.

Saturday Dec 8.

Theatre Didsbury will be on stage in the MP room at the Didsbury Complex at 8:00 p.m. following cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Mountain View Sports 335-4688.

Sunday Dec 9.

The Didsbury Elks and Royal Purple Ladies will hold the annual Christmas party at the Elks Hall at 2:00 p.m. Potluck, everyone welcome.

Sunday Dec 9.

All former residents of the Westerdale District are invited to the Christmas Potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. Please bring a meat dish and a salad or dessert. There will be a program. Donations will be gladly received for the Christmas Food hampers or Santa's Anonymous.

Sunday Dec 9.

The Tree of Hope Lighting Ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Unit 4 (nursing home) at the west end of the hospital complex. Blue bulbs in memory of a loved one or a fuschia bulb as a greeting of hope may be purchased at the front desk of the Didsbury Hospital or through the Rosebud Health Foundation.

Monday Dec 10.

The Didsbury Lifeline Society will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Town office. Everyone welcome to attend and learn of this service.

Monday Dec 10.

The Chamber of Commerce General meeting tonight will be a Christmas Social at the 5-0 club. All members urged to attend.

Tuesday Dec 11.

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club breakfast at the Didsbury 5-0 Centre is from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Evelyn Martens has a special feature of music. Please phone Margie 335-3765 or Nancy 337-3200 for rides or reservations. Free babysitting is supplied by the club.

Wednesday Dec 12.

The Christmas Dinner will be held at the 5-0 club at 12:30 p.m. Turkey is supplied, please bring veggies, salad or dessert.



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

I love Christmas and every year I have such good intentions about handmade presents and personal letters. I imagine the house filled with the scent of gingerbread and pine, a fire in the wood stove, trays of fresh cookies, carols on the stereo. All year I clip recipes and buy patterns, make lists and collect stocking stuffers. I always think that this is the year that I'm going to be really ready. This year I will prepare baskets filled with gourmet foods; port wine jelly, candied pecans, pickled garlic, chocolate dipped shortbread, home made almond brittle. Martha Stewart could be my patron Saint. I'll make my own decorations, two kinds of cake, seven kinds of cookies and my Mom's Christmas pudding. The Creche and Angel collections will go up on freshly polished surfaces and swags of greenery will be hung with gold balls and red velvet ribbon. Oh I have such good intentions but I never start soon enough, I get involved in other things, there are not enough hours in a day or days in a week and suddenly it's the fifth of December and the cakes aren't baked the wreaths are unhung and the angel collection is still boxed because I need to dust before I put them out. At the grocery store the cookie aisle overwhelms me with guilt so I zip through looking neither left nor right and promising to start the shortbread as soon as I get home. Unopened boxes of Christmas cards crowd my desk, the outfit I am making for my daughter is still in pieces on the ironing board and the dear little teddy bears are just lengths of fuzzy fabric and packages of black button eyes.

Maybe Martha Stewart is not my patron saint. Maybe Christmas Dinner in this family is not supposed to feature an antique red damask tablecloth with forty camellias and twelve candles and Irish linen napkins folded into swans. Maybe hand made sugar plum fairies dancing in front of gingerbread castles are not meant to be part of our family tradition. Maybe, like most things, Christmas preparations have to be a compromise. Maybe I can be a sort of Martha Stewart fourth class.

I did make port wine jelly, green tomato jam and pickled garlic and I will make cookies and pudding but I'm afraid the musical light display on the lawn is out and so is the all gold Christmas tree with teeny, weeny wreaths made of woven wheat and gilded quail eggs. I would love to make cross stitch samplers on linen but that takes an awful lot of time so I'm doing bookmarks instead. They are laminated calligraphy on good heavy paper and they say things like: You can't have everything where would you put it? Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool. This world is a comedy to those that think, a tragedy to those that feel. The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first. Depend upon it Sir, when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight it concentrates his mind wonderfully.

I will dust and put up the angels, there will be cookies and puddings and presents and stockings. On the next nice day I'll put some greenery on the gate sign. We will have carols on the stereo and tinsel on the tree and Martha Stewart will not go totally unrecognized. Coming back from Lethbridge last week I persuaded my beloved husband to stop on the Highway (a Christmas miracle in itself) long enough for me to grab a big, fat round tumbleweed from a fence line. I'm going to spray paint it gold, drape it in lots of red and gold ribbon and display it on our antique wooden high chair.

As Martha is often quoted as saying, "it's a good thing."

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by Noreen Olson



Didsbury Country Christmas Turkey Draw Winners

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Didsbury Inn: Danieze Lyons
Didsbury Motel & Restaurant: Tara Galvin
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Feg's Propane Ltd.: Pat Radford
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JACKSON WI NEWS

Guest speaker attends meeting

by Noreen Olson

Lita Reid was hostess for our November meeting. Everything is Beautiful was our song and Lita opened the meeting with some Hillbilly Definitions. A fibula is a small lie, a hang nail is where you hang your coat and nitrates are usually better than day rates. Roll Call was "A song my Mother or Grandmother sang." Our Mothers sang everything from Hymns to Mairzie Doates, they sang in Danish and Traditional Irish, Folk Songs and Christmas Carols. Some unusual ones were, Snow Deer, Only Me and Open the Gates of the Temple.

Reports and announcements, there will be a planning meeting at Dorit Birds on November 29. Toward this end we brought written suggestions for 2002. Darlene will take the International Affairs Portfolio, Joan will take Health and Home Ec. The Slate of Officers for next year was presented and accepted. A letter from the Children's Hospital thanked Nellie Davies for her gift of knitted slippers and Nellie brought in several more pair to bring her

total for this year to fifty. The Nominating Committee that is looking for a new Constituency Convenor sent a letter suggesting possible solutions for filling the office. They have four alternatives and we voted to either change the term to 2 years or share the position. A letter from Wolf Willow announced that they are disbanding. We are very sorry to hear this.

We each brought supplies for the Women's Shelter in Olds and Joan Foat will deliver them. Next month we will contribute money to the Food Banks in Carstairs and Cremona. Mary Jane gave us information on Seniors Support Services in Didsbury. She also suggested that we present a Resolution against the construction of the Meridian Dam. A Study is underway as to the effectiveness of such a Dam and Environmentalists and Farmers have differing views. Joan asked if we were interested in corresponding with a WI Branch in New Zealand and as she will write the letters we are very happy to accept the offer. Marguerite Krebs offered the Bit of

Fun, "What is a Senior Worth."

Guest speaker was Ken Lewis, Mountain View Watersheds Restoration Group, Watershed Co-Ordinator. He is also Assistant Agriculture Fieldman for the County. Ken took us on a virtual tour of Mountain View Watersheds. The Views from the air were especially inspiring and we were amazed at the complex routes of some of the creeks and streams.

He showed us the results of different methods of conservation, including rotational grazing, and suggested different methods of watering including Solar Powered Pumps. Wetlands are a vital part of our ecosystem. They act as a sponge that slowly releases moisture in times of drought. If the wetlands are destroyed we have no reserves and creeks and streams will die along with the plant and animal life that they sustain. Ken is an interesting and thought provoking speaker. We continued the discussion over lunch.

Next meeting will be Dec. 12 at Ev Robertson's. Guests are welcome.

MOUNT VIEW LODGE

Pastor Norm Tauber tells residents about trip to Russia

Hi all,

Well it seems our good weather has come to an end. This snow and cold is hard to take but the moisture is welcome so we will make the best of it.

Here at the Lodge, activities go on as usual and will pick up as we get closer to Christmas. Next week, our Auxiliary will be putting up the decorations for Christmas.

The November Birthday Party was hosted by several Auxiliary members, Carol Gorsline entertained us, she was assisted by her sister Joyce Hoey and her father Elden Spicer. Thanks all those celebrating November birthdays are Gladys Abra, Yvonne Craig, Laura Dickrow, Ivy Holmes, and Ragnhild Moritz. Happy Birthday all.

One evening last week, we had "Robyn's Cloggers." Thanks so much for coming in, you were great.

Last Friday afternoon, Pastor Norm Tauber came for coffee and told us about his recent trip to Russia. Thanks so much.

Our newest resident is Harved Wilson. We welcome you and hope you soon feel "at home" here.

Our Lodge has been saddened by the death of two recent residents - Juanita St. Clair and Lavina Ufland. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends.

- Annie Caush

SOUTH WEST DIDSBURY NEWS

Didsbury High School graduate accepts teaching position in Taiwan

Mrs. Bessie Eckstrand

Crystal Whitecotton of Didsbury, who graduated from the University of Alberta in April, has accepted a teaching position in Taiwan.

She left on November 16th and will be teaching English in the city of Taichung. Mother Terry Ivarson, who lives 4 miles west and south off the Westcott Road, teaches in the Didsbury School, grades 2,3, and 4. Crystal would welcome any visitors from home, and can be reached through HESS Educational Organization.

You'll have some real experiences Crystal, and you'll have to tell us all about them when you get home.

Ruth Sverdahl of Didsbury passed away November 22nd in the Didsbury Health Centre, at the age of 81 years.

Funeral Services were held Nov. 26, 2001 at 11 a.m. at the new Dehia Community Hall. Officiating at the Service was Rev. Malcolm Profit of the Knox United Church. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Olds, Didsbury, Three Hills and Trochu were in charge of the funeral. Refreshments were served in the Community Hall.

Ruth was born in Stonelaw (now Dehia), Alberta, and went to school there. She and Len grew up together as friends and married in 1940. They had just recently celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary. They

farmed in the area and raised five children, Louise, Richard, Sharon, Carol, and Marla. Fifteen years ago they retired to Didsbury, where they quickly became active in Community Affairs, she in Knox United Church and U.C.W., 50 Club and Hospital Aux, and Len in the Senior Citizens Orchestra and he and Ruth attended dances in Didsbury, Carstairs, Olds, and areas. Ruth enjoyed her flowers, and they enjoyed travelling in their motor home to the U.S.A and camping and fishing. She will be sadly missed by the area.

Well, we finally got some snow, 6-8 inches and more West, the thirsty land really appreciated the moisture.

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LIFESTYLES

Focus on
the Family

QUESTION: Our local school board is currently trying to decide whether boys and girls should be segregated for courses on sexuality and "family life." What are your feelings with regard to coed sex-education programs?

DR. DOBSON: I have severe reservations about highly explicit discussions occurring with both sexes present.

To do so breaks down the natural barriers that help to preserve virginity and makes casual sexual experimentation much more likely to occur. It also strips kids — especially girls — of their modesty to have every detail of anatomy, physiology, intercourse and condom usage made explicit in coed situations.

Those who have thereby become familiar and conversant about the most intimate subjects may later find themselves watching explicit sexual scenes in movies, rock videos and hot television programs. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to recognize the combined impact of these influences.

Whereas it was an weighty decision to give up one's virginity in decades past, it is but a small step for those whose conditioning began in the school classroom. Familiarity "breeds," as we all know.

I am also convinced that the incidence of date-rape rises when the barriers that help a girl protect herself are removed.

In some cases, no doubt, school officials have pushed for mixed sex-ed classes out of a sense of obligation. Somehow they feel this is what's expected of them — that parents and the community at large want it. Let them know if you disagree!

Tell your school board members about the educational advantages of separated classes. They may see your point if you present it to them from that angle.

QUESTION: I am 19 years old and have struggled with a bad self-concept all my life. It seems that everyone I know has more to offer than I do.

I envy the girls who are better looking than I am, more athletic or smarter. I just don't measure up to my own expectations.

How can I deal with my own insecurities?

DR. DOBSON: Someone once said, "Comparison is the root of all inferiority." It is true. When you look at another person's strengths and compare them to your own weaknesses, there is no way to come out feeling good about yourself.

That is what you are doing when you pit yourself against the "best and brightest" around you. This destructive game begins in elementary school when we begin to evaluate ourselves critically. Even at that young age, our self-image is shaped by how we stack up against our peers.

It's not how tall we are that matters; it's who is tallest. It's not how fast we can run; it's who runs fastest. It's not how smart we are; it's who is smartest. It's not how pretty or handsome we are; it's who is most gorgeous.

Thus begins a pattern of self-doubt that often becomes all-consuming during adolescence. For some people it continues well into adult life. This is why millions of women buy fashion magazines and envy the beauty of the models.

It's why we watch Miss America contests, and why some men read about successful and powerful businessmen.

When we do that, we're weighing ourselves against the most admired assets of others. It is an exercise that brings us nothing but pain, and yet we continue to engage in it.

It appears that you are caught up in this destructive pattern. Perhaps a wise counselor or pastor can help you see that you are a worthy human being exactly the way you are and that you have been designed for a specific purpose.

Mental and spiritual health begins with an acceptance of life as it is and a willingness to make the most of what has been given.

When that is achieved, comparison with others is no longer an important issue.

COMMON GROUND

Parenting by Grandparents

How nice to be a grandparent! Shopping or going to a movie with your grandchildren. Babysit for an afternoon or a couple of days to give their parents a break. At the end of the visit the children go home, you rest (they're such busy kids!) and resume your normal routine.

For a significant number of grandparents in Canada and the United States this is not reality. The grandchildren don't go home — they are home! Over 3.2 million grandparents in the United States are significant caregivers to their grandchildren. 1.3 million children live with grandparents who are their primary, long term caregivers, often without legal guardianship. Although numbers were not available it is safe to project that the situation in Canada is similar. This is occurring in families of all economic, racial and ethnic groups.

Grandparents are assuming the parental role as a result of their adult child's inability or unwillingness to parent their children. There are a variety of reasons for this including

teenage pregnancy, illness, substance abuse, economic hardship or death. Often it is the desire to keep the family intact, avoiding foster care for the children, that motivates grandparents to take this life altering step.

Grandparent and grandkids have a unique relationship. Children enjoy special time and treatment from Granddad and Grandma. When a child lives fulltime with their grandparents that can change significantly. This new living arrangement can cause confusion, anger, frustration and resentment on the part of everyone. The decision to parent grandchildren is one charged with emotion. Often there is a feeling of guilt in believing that their own parenting might be responsible for their adult child's inability to parent. If the adult child is in the picture there may be the added burden of parenting them as well. There may well be conflict between parent and child over parenting the grandkids if the parent still desires to make decisions.

Grandparents' lives need to

be reorganized — work schedules revamped, retirement plans altered or scrapped, daily schedules changed. The adjustments as well as more bodies, busy, active bodies, in the house can create a strain on Grandpa and Grandma's relationship. Money becomes an issue. Often retirement income is not sufficient to support the demands of raising children today. Unfortunately there is little financial support for grandparents who parent their grandchildren.

The children come into Grandpa's house confused, fearful, depressed and perhaps angry. Behavior problems may arise as they attempt to understand and cope with their new circumstances. Rules and expectations may be very different from those of Mom or Dad. They may respond negatively to possibly outdated parenting methods. All of a sudden the children are no longer a delightful handful but a real challenge. For more information please contact the Hearstone Child and Family Services Community Resource Coordinator in your area.

DRAGON'S DEN

High School 's Christmas Concert
will be performed on Dec. 16

The vibrant music programme under the direction of Kirk Wassmer is well underway.

The fall concert on Nov. 8 was a huge success. Special thanks to Inez Kosinski and Mary-Anne Kutz. Congratulations to all band members.

On Nov. 21 the music students attended a concert at Westglenn performed by the Wind Ensemble from the university of Lethbridge.

On Nov. 28 J.Griffiths was at the school to work with the low brass section. He did a performance for the grade nines at 11:00 and for the Senior Band

at 2:15. Mr.Griffiths is from the University of Regina Conservatory of Music.

Dec. 16 will be the Christmas Concert, Tea and Silent Auction. Please mark your calendars as this is a very important musical event.

If you have any items to donate for the silent auction please call the school.

The basketball season has started. The coaches are: Todd Kline for JV Boys, Renee McNeil for the JV girls, Terry Luft for the Senior Boys and Wendy McCarroll for the Senior Girls. Winter Wonderland is the theme for the Dec.13 dance. Parent supervisors are needed. Please call the school if you are interested.

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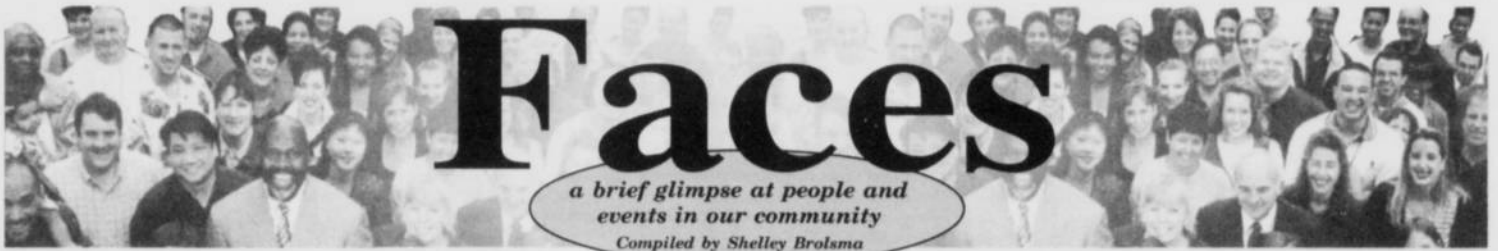
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Faces

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High School band featured in "The Sounds of the Season"



Kirk Wassmer

Having trouble getting in the mood for Christmas this year? If so, you won't want to miss the Didsbury High School Band's upcoming concert "The Sounds of the Season" being held Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m. in the Westglan School Gym.

Before long, you will find yourself humming the Christmas carols like a pro.

Approximately 80 students from Grades 9 to 12 have been practising since mid-November on a wide-array of concert band, jazz band and choir se-

lections.

Band instructor Kirk Wassmer says this year's Christmas concert will provide a festive sampling of seasonal classics featuring instrumental and vocal talents.

"This is the first year we are including a choir with our performance. It is being led by Mrs. Hunter - an English/ Humanities teacher who is an accomplished singer and who had an interest in conducting these young vocalists this year," says Wassmer.

Students from this year's

Concert Band and Senior Concert Band classes will be playing their own rendition of the "Huron Carol" a Christmas classic sure to be remembered by many.

In addition to fine musical talent, that afternoon will be equally enticing culinary delights.

"Along with the concert this year, we will be offering a special tea and desserts section to our event and a silent auction where people can come out and bid on some wonderful items we have lined up in time for Christ-

mas gift-giving," says Wassmer.

All proceeds from the concert will go to the Didsbury High School Band Society. "It's to help cover travel expenses for two trips we have coming up later on in the year," says Wassmer.

"The Grade 9's are hoping to go to Nelson, B.C. and the seniors to Whistler.

"We're hoping events like this help."

Tickets for Sounds of the Season" are \$2.50 per person or \$10 per family.

Farm and Ranch Bonspiel will kickoff the New Year

It's never too early to plan for a full-house in the new year - especially when the "house" involves your team's curling rocks and the event is the Farmer's Bonspiel being held January 7 to 12.

Organizer and Chairman of the Didsbury Farm and Ranch Bonspiel, Harry Reese, says upwards of 40 rinks (mens, ladies and mixed) are expected to turn out this year and participate in the 8th annual tournament of its kind. "This is the third year I've been involved in the planning of this event and I must say it gets better and

better each year," says Reese.

New this year is the concept of open boundaries to all rural participants. "What this means is that we accept curlers from farms and ranches anywhere in the area - not just within Mountain View County. It really opens it up so that we can offer the tournament to anyone who wishes to curl."

As was the case last year, rinks of three players are being accepted. The fourth player - a local-area business representative - will be assigned. "It gives the rural participants an opportunity to mingle with

some folks from town - people they likely deal with on a weekly basis."

Past business participants include those involved in machinery, feed, fertilizer and fuel outlets.

"Last year we had about 120 businesses that supported the spiel, either through cash or prize donations, and of course, direct participation in the event itself," says Reese.

"Business people come from all over - Didsbury, Olds and Carstairs."

Aside from the great curling and camaraderie, the Farm and

Ranch Bonspiel is also a great opportunity to win an array of prizes. "It's a week filled with activities. There is really a lot happening - door prizes throughout the week, great food and entertainment."

Any business interested in supporting the spiel is encouraged to contact either Harry Reese at 335-3181 or Draw Master Neil Young at 335-4496 prior to Dec. 20.

Rink registrations are also being accepted until December 20. All proceeds from the spiel go directly to running the event and offering prizes.



Harry Reese

Didsbury Scouts gear up for Annual Bottle Drive



Linda Rose

There's bound to be a lot of extra pop and soda bottles on your grocery list for the upcoming holiday season - and with it a lot of empties!

All the more reason, according to the 1st Didsbury Scouting Group, to start a special recycling bin just for donation purposes.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. January 12th, up to 20 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts will be going door to door to collect empties for the annual New

"Every little bit helps and this bottle drive is just one more initiative we undertake to support the many, many things we like to be involved with in the new year."

- Linda Rose,
Scouting Group Committee Chair

Year's Bottle Drive.

Scouting Group Committee Chairman, Linda Rose, says proceeds from the fundraising

venture will go to support a variety of activities and camps the three groups participate in throughout the year. "Every

little bit helps and this bottle drive is just one more initiative we undertake to support the many, many things we like to be involved with in the new year."

In addition to the scouts themselves, this year's bottle drive troop will also include numerous parent volunteers. If anyone is interested in serving as a volunteer with any of the scouting groups, please contact Linda Rose (or any member of the 1st Didsbury Scouting Committee) directly.

Museum takes the mystery out of gift-giving - 60's style

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift for that one, inevitable, hard-to-buy-for person on your gift list this year?

You can check their name off in a hurry with the help of the Didsbury & District Historical Society's upcoming "Magical Mystery Tour", on January 12th.

Society President, Dale Weiss, says tickets are now available to the Provincial Museum of Alberta's newest exhibit "sixties" - one of the largest presentations of photos, music, and memorabilia related to the decade. "We are

booking the community bus for the tour and have a lot of fun activities planned for the trip up," says Weiss. "... it's just something the museum here thought would be entertaining to do as a community - something that will pull all those fans of the 60's together."

Among the many exhibits include: Linda McCartney's Sixties - a photographic exhibition of her work with the Rolling Stone magazine, The Beatles! - Backstage and Behind the Scenes - including photographs of the Beatles taken during their 1964 visit

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- Dale Weiss

to North America, Expo 67 and Trudeauania, Beatrice Cafe, Cold War/space Race, British Invasion and Civil Rights Movement - to name a few.

Tickets for the Magical Mystery Tour are \$25.00 for adult non-members, \$22.00

for adult museum members, and \$20.00 for 18 years and under. "The price includes tickets to the exhibition, bus ride, and merriment to and from Edmonton," says Weiss.

For more information, call Joan at 335-8392 or Denise at 335-9359 or 335-4995





Sweat evaporates off of a team of Belgians as they work hard to transport Didsburians through the night.

A Didsbury Country Christmas

photos by Richard Westlund



Santa read to children that gathered together at the Train station.



Musicians perform behind a roaring barrel fire.



Children and adults alike had to be bundled up tight as temperatures dropped to nearly -20 degrees Celsius.



Natalie Paulgaard wipes enough frost off her glasses that she can see through them.

Mountain View Funeral Chapels invites you to attend our annual "Christmas Candlelight Memorial Program"

to remember those we have loved and lost. A short ceremony, open to everyone, will be held at 7:00 p.m., December 10 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #105, 5241 46 St. Olds. Refreshments will be served following the program.

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HOUSING HOTBEL

Low interest rates spark local realty market

by Richard Westlund

Local businesses that deal with real-estate have been busier than usual during the last couple of months due in part to interest rates being so low.

First-time home buyers have been receiving a break and are qualifying to buy homes thanks to interest rates that are dipping below five per cent.

"I think it has affected acreages and houses quite a bit," said Dallas Haerberle, who works under the Realty Executives flag. "People who are able to make a five per cent down payment are being able to buy a house for less than what it would cost to rent one in some cases."

Haerberle says if you look around town you won't find an abundance of houses for sale because many of them have already changed hands.

"We had a fairly good fall and I think that's why," he said.

RE/MAX agent Dan Peters agrees. He says more first time home owners have been brought into the market and that people who have wanted to move up to a larger home or a larger lot have taken the opportunity to do so.

"With the low interest rates our business hasn't gone crazy, but it certainly has helped."

Peters said the market slowed down during the end of September and the beginning of November. He said he believes the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States had something to do with it although he admits there is no way to know that for sure.

It was shortly after the attacks that interest rates started to take a turn towards the downward side.

Business picked up in November for Peters who said he is busier now than he was in November of last year.

And while low interest rates have helped, Peters believe the market could get even more active if there are signs that indicate housing starts may be back on the rise.

"Generally when interest rates hit rock-bottom is not when the market is the best, but as the market creeps up ..."

Planning and Development Officer Robert Wigg said the 2001 year has been the best year ever for housing starts in Didsbury. Two years ago housing starts were strong but they dropped off last year. This year, at 58, they are the highest ever.

Wigg believes the low interest rates have made an impact indirectly to that equation but believes coupled with what Didsbury offers as a Town in an Aquatic Centre, hospital and small town atmosphere the area is the choice for people looking to build a home away from the city.

"Didsbury has advantages over other communities," he said.

Wayne Poffenroth of CLT Contracting said he has never been busier at this time of the year.

"People who look at building or adding to their home look at the low interest rates and say this is the time," said Poffenroth.

The rates brought a wide range of clients to CLT. Poffenroth said clientele ranged from first-time home buyers to people moving back to Didsbury in retirement.

"It doesn't much matter the age group, people are taking the opportunity to buy the home they have always wanted."

While the low interest rates have helped out immensely, Poffenroth agrees with Wigg's theory of Didsbury being an ideal place to live.

"We find a lot of people want to move out here because of the quality of life," he said.



Murray McRae and Mel Dick stand in front of listings that have recently been sold.

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- Dallas Haerberle, Realtor



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- Wayne Poffenroth, Contractor

BUSINESS

GREEN MATTERS

How much will global warming affect Alberta?

by Robert Austin

In July 2000 the Russian ice-breaker Tamal reached the North Pole and found open water! Normally in the warmest part of the Arctic summer there is at least 2-3 meters of pack ice. The vast Greenland ice sheet is melting steadily, losing some 51 billion cubic meters each year, enough to produce the annual flow of the Nile River.

Worldwide, permanent ice (glaciers, polar ice-caps) is being melted away by rising global temperatures caused by the yearly burning of billions of tons of fossil fuels. Continuing this practice will place at risk every human economy and natural system. Storms

will be more frequent and severe, drought will spread and sea levels will rise.

Global warming is here; it is measurable and clearly observable.

The Rocky Mountain glaciers west of us show noticeable shrinkage. It remains to be seen whether or not last summer's dryness and heat was an aberration or will represent a new reality.

As warming takes place we will see longer summers and less harsh winters. Overall this will please most of the people living here. It will also produce an increased demand for agricultural irrigation, especially in the dry land areas of eastern and south-eastern Alberta. And the water may

not be there.

Farmers in marginal areas, especially those now dependent on irrigation, or those starting out, would be well advised to look to the northern half of the province to invest their resources. It may seem premature but financially there will never be a better time to switch land.

Perhaps a backhanded benefit of the drying and stronger sun will be the increased attractiveness of wind farming. More sun means more heat and convection and therefore much more wind will be produced. At the same time there will be less water for electrical generation and more public outcry to leave our remaining natural waters

alone.

A serious concern is to maintain our forest cover and proceed with determined reforestation of cut over areas and lands no longer agriculturally productive. Through transpiration a major part of our rainfall is generated. If we will need more trees to generate rainfall in 30 or 40 years, we had better plant them now. Suppose we managed our forests intensively as Germany and the Scandinavian countries do, many jobs would be created and the quality of our lumber products would be greatly enhanced. Tree planting is an area where our government must become much more serious through regulation and/or incentive.

With increased hours of sunlight, solar generation of electricity will become increasingly attractive. The necessary technologies are in place and their applications well tested. Companies such as Powersource Energy Systems Inc. in Calgary supply a complete line of solar and wind systems as well as batteries, inverters, water pumps,

household appliances and even a micro hydro stream power system.

World-wide climate change is upon us. It would be well to become informed of alternatives that will affect our lifestyles and environmental survival.

Robert Austin is a former educator and businessman who lives in Didsbury.

Cash awards for 4-H scholars

Alberta 4-H members received scholarships equaling over \$70,000 this fall. Numerous corporate and private sponsors contributed to the 2001 Alberta Provincial 4-H Scholarship Program. More than 100 Alberta 4-Hers were awarded scholarships to help them achieve their academic goals and personal career dreams.

Karen Stewart, 4-H scholarship coordinator at the Alberta 4-H Foundation explains, "Over 200 applications were submitted. The applicants, from all across Alberta, represent a wide variety of choices for educational study, from Agriculture degrees to environmental studies."

Scholarship applicants submit an application form in May, highlighting their achievements in 4-H, school and their communities. As well, they complete a written interview and provide three references. Some scholar-

ships require an additional assignment on a specific topic.

Each applicant is scored based on this information and selection is based on criteria set by the scholarship sponsor. A committee representing sponsors, the 4-H Foundation of Alberta, Alberta 4-H Councils, the University of Alberta, and Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development select the scholarship recipients.

Betty Grudnizki, provincial 4-H media and marketing specialist com-

ments, "The quality of the applicants this year was outstanding. I am in awe of the 4-H diary points earned, academic achievement, and community involvement of these members. Every applicant would have been considered a worthy recipient, so selection was difficult. Congratulations to all of the 2001 Alberta 4-H Scholarship recipients."

Members who wish to apply for the 2002 scholarships should note that there is a change in deadlines.

Applications must be received by May 15, 2002 not postmarked May 15, 2002. The application form will be available online in January at < <http://www.4h.ab.ca> >.

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Alberta bans use of dogs for recreational coyote hunting

In response to public concerns, the Alberta government has taken action that strictly limits the practice of using dogs to kill coyotes.

"Many Alberta residents let the government know they were concerned that people were using dogs to kill coyotes as a form of recreation," says Mike Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development. "My department advocates on behalf of wildlife in Alberta and it is important that we reflect the values of Albertans in this area."

It is now illegal for anyone to hunt coyotes with dogs in Alberta, unless they have obtained a temporary permit to do so. Livestock producers can be granted a temporary permit only when they have proven coyotes are responsible for the

death or injury of livestock they own, and only as a last resort - following other coyote control measures.

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development and Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development share the responsibility for dealing with livestock losses caused by predators. The regulations have been changed and greatly restrict the practice of using dogs to kill coyotes.

The changes to the regulations included Shirley McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, amending the regulation under the Agricultural Pests Act to create the permit system, and Mike Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, amending the wildlife regulation under the Wildlife

Act.

McClellan encourages producers to talk with their local agricultural fieldmen about ways of preventing coyotes from killing livestock.

"Coyotes are an important and valuable wildlife species," says McClellan. "Unfortunately, they can also prey on livestock and cause extensive losses for producers."

It is a violation under the Wildlife Act and Regulations for people to hunt coyotes using dogs without having first obtained a temporary permit to do so. Violators can be fined up to \$2,000, serve up to one month in jail, or be given a combination of both penalties.

Alberta livestock producers are encouraged to speak with their local agricultural fieldman if they are having

coyote predation problems. Livestock producers will still be able to use dogs to destroy coyotes as a last resort, but only after proving that coyotes are responsible for livestock injury or death.

Coyotes do eat harmful rodents, insects and carrion and are considered an important wildlife species in Alberta. However, coyotes also cause over 75 per cent of the predation losses of livestock in the province, causing considerable losses for producers.

Producers should be diligent in taking preventative measures, including: removing and properly disposing of dead livestock, increased supervision during calving or lambing, exclusion fences for predators and using guard animals such as dogs or donkeys.

Coyote Predation of Livestock is a book published by Alberta Agriculture that can help livestock producers prevent or reduce losses from coyotes and other predators.

The book shows how to determine the cause of death and how to interpret the signs at the scene of the attack so that the predator species can be identified. The 31-page book is available at all Alberta Agriculture district offices and from the Publications Office, 7000 - 113 Street, Edmonton, AB T6H 5T6, or phone 427-0391 in the Edmonton area or toll free in Alberta 1-800-292-5697. Cost of this publication is \$8 plus GST. Please add \$2 (plus GST) for shipping and handling of mail orders.

AGRICULTURE

What is Market based farming?

We have heard a lot about market based farming in recent years. Many farmers consider their production to be market based because they alter their acres according to current markets. They use the marketing tools such as futures marketing, forward contracting, options and basis contracts to get the best price for their product too. So what can be more market based than that?

"The basic premise of market based production is to find out what the world wants to buy and then produce it," says Ron Hockridge, crop specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Wetaskiwin. "This is in contrast to producing a product and then going out to find someone who will buy it. You can usually still use the marketing tools to stabilize commodity prices to some extent, but you are in a better bargaining position to get a decent price from the market if you have what the market wants."

Finding what the world wants requires more effort than just selling into traditional markets. It often means finding a niche market and that involves gathering more information. It also means checking details to ensure your side of any business deal is protected. Some people are able to get the information they need from the news, subscribing to newsletters and personal contacts. Others find it easier to set up a network of people to share the research work.

Marketing clubs have had varying degrees of success. A few elements contribute to their longevity. First, they have to be initiated by the people who will benefit from them. Efforts by extension staff to get a marketing club going have only been successful for a short time unless someone from the group decided to take it over. Second, the group has to decide to meet on a regular basis. After all, marketing is all about timing. The research has to be done to take advantage of opportunities when they arise. Third, there has to be

some structure and accountability. One objective of a marketing club is to spread the work around and communicate findings back to the group. There is a synergistic effect when people pool their information. New ideas build on each other when

everybody contributes.

Most marketing clubs spend some of their time educating their members. They take advantage of resources in both government and industry to make the best decisions on marketing and what to grow.

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Quick break ...

The arena was a busy place on Saturday featuring many exciting contests. Here the Didsbury Atoms battle against Blackie.

Olds Grizzlys are now playing with a quiet confidence

by Barry Williams

There is an air of quiet confidence flowing through the Grizzlys' dressing room.

After chalking up nine of a possible ten points in their last five games, the Grizzlys remained undefeated with four wins and a tie and have solidified second place in the Rogers AT&T Wireless south division standings with 39 points, four back of the front running Canmore Eagles.

On Nov. 29, the Grizzlys trekked into Father David Bauer Arena and skated off with a 7-5 victory over the Calgary Royals, while on Nov. 27 in a game played before a small crowd at the Olds Sportsplex, the Grizzlys edged

the Calgary Canucks 4-3.

Against the Canucks, Ryan Huddy broke out of a scoring slump by blinking the red light three times for the hat trick to pace the Grizzlys' offensively, while Tyler Hilbert added a singleton to round out the scoring.

Nathan Higgins added a pair of goals for the Canucks with Ryan Riley blinking the light once.

It was a gusty comeback performance on behalf of the Grizzlys to pull off the win against the Royals, who built up a 4-0 first period lead on power play markers by Mark Matheson, Matt Fornataro and Brad King. Jeremy Robinson slipped a short handed goal behind Grizzlys' netminder John

Haggis. The second and third stanzas belonged to the Grizzlys as they outscored the Canucks 7-1 including four unanswered goals in the third period.

Bruce Mulherin dented the twine twice on a power play, while Morod Radmacher netted a short handed and an even strength goal to pace the Grizzlys offensively. Ryan Huddy, Brent Kisio and Tyler Hilbert, with an open net goal rounded out the visitors' scoring.

According to Grizzlys' Head Coach and General Manager, Brett Cox, the players' confidence is coming from, hard work, desire, and a commitment to the coaching staff's philosophy.

Jake Jacobs, Mary Ellen Snyder.

4. Curtis Mousseau, Madeline Artindale, Todd Hnatiuk, Jackie Sharkey.

B Event

1. Carson Schultz, Nathan Brander, Cody Atkinson, Ben Meisner.

2. Paul & Heather Biggin, Ken & Shelly Lewis.

3. Harold & Colleen Johnsrude, Doug & Connie Luft.

4. Nick Baran, Marianne Schultz, Linda Baran, Jan Woolnough.

C Event

1. Jim & Bev Wilson, Ray & Arleen Herrick

2. Vern & Shelley Wilshusen, Bob & Bonnie Monteith.

3. Stan Laveck, Wanda Mudry, Darcy Conley, Shirley Laveck.

4. Brent Youngs, Bonnie Tuggle, Ed & Rita Krebs.

Curling season gets underway

by Marge St. Clair

What a fun time they had at the Opening Green Spiel - great curling and a real fun time judging the costumes.

And the winners were:

A Event

1. Brenda Scott, Lyle & Kathy Jacobs, Marlene Farquharson (Cremona)

2. Lyle Craven, John Neufeld, Ray & Donna Arnold.

3. Brad & Cindy Halbauer,

HOCKEY

Rage on a rampage

Didsbury Rage Vs Red Deer

The Rage were busy in Olds this past weekend in a Pee Wee tournament hosted by Olds. Their first game against Red Deer is one the Coaching staff and parent's will not forget for a while. What started off as an end to end game, became filled with penalties and rough play which really slowed the flow of the game. Red Deer scored first, 6 minutes into the first, when the Rage were struggling to clear the puck from their own end. Red Deer netted another with four minutes left The Rage had a very strong finish to the first period.

The Rage started the second period short handed, after killing the penalty, Travis Dietrich and Zack Owen set up Matt Collinge to put Didsbury on the board. Things were starting to heat up around the front of the net's as roughing penalties were assessed to both teams.

Steve Teskey was having a good game in net making some awesome saves.

The rage were two men short for 27 seconds and the defense had their hands full with 12 seconds left on the second penalty Red Deer did score, 45 seconds later the Rage answered back with one of their own from Bretton Cameron. Red Deer came right back and scored again with seven minutes left in the second. Cameron popped in another at the end of the second to make the score 4-3. There were too many penalties in the second to put on paper.

The third period started with the Rage on the p.p. shortly thereafter the Rage were 5 on 3, which they capitalized on scoring the tying goal. Didsbury started to take control scoring again with 9:23 left on the clock, moving ahead for the first time in the game. Less than a minute later Red Deer tied it up, after that the Rage pulled out all the plugs and just out worked and out played Red Deer scoring another three goals.

Didsbury vs. Strathmore

This game against Strathmore was an easier challenge for the Rage as the score tells all, Didsbury beat Strathmore by a score of 13-0. Kris Jackson recorded the shut out. Strathmore worked hard and never gave up throughout the whole game but the Rage was just too much for them.

Didsbury vs. Olds

This was the 'B' final and the boys wanted the trophy. With only 1:30 played, Olds opened the scoring this was to be a long hard fought game. Jeff Choquette and Ryan Miller, defense, were delivering some thunderous hits with Dakota Uhrich and Jeff Kerr also doing a fine job containing the Olds forwards.

Right from the start the players, coaches and parents knew it was going to be a tight as the Rage were penalized time after time with Olds receiving none.

The Rage battled through the first, which seemed to be shorthanded the whole period.

One player was ejected for a hit from behind. The second period Didsbury started to settle down and applied more pressure, still being assessed penalty after penalty. Cameron, Owen and McKetiak opened the scoring for the Rage early in the second with another goal being scored shorthanded with 10:35 left in the second to put them ahead 2-1.

Didsbury lost another player for a very questionable hit from behind in the second and another player received a 10-minute misconduct.

The third periods officiating worsened as the coach was ejected and the bench had been trimmed down to 9 players by the Ref.

The Rage just kept plugging away and would not give up. The final straw came with 53 seconds left, the Rage still leading, when Olds had a scoring chance and the Ref called a tripping penalty.

The Ref awarded Olds a penalty shot, the Didsbury contingent were not happy to say the least. Olds scored! The game went to overtime, 2 minutes 5 on 5, 1 minute 4 on 4 and 1 minute 3 on 3, this is where the Rage had their revenge scoring with 36 seconds left.

I might sound biased, but it seemed to me Olds really wanted that trophy with all the ejection's, penalties and not dropping the clock, but there are a lot of parents at the game who I know would agree with me.

Congratulations to a group of hard working, dedicated guys that would not give up. The Rage are; Bretton Cameron, Jeff Choquette, Keenan Christiansen, Matt Collinge, Travis Dietrich, Kris Jackson, Joey Kemmere, Jeff Kerr, Jonathon Lefebvre, Mitch McKetiak, Ryan Miller, Zack Owen, Dakota Uhrich and Steve Teskey.

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Wannamaker:

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Fulkerth

In loving memory of my son Bernie (Biggie) who passed away, December 8th, 1994. Off and on my thoughts do wander To the grave not far away, Where I laid my dear son Just (seven) years ago today. Treasured memories always so sadly missed. Mother, Lillian Fulkerth.

ENGAGEMENT

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The family of Ruth Sverdahl wish to thank relatives and friends for their support and caring at our time of need. Thank you for all the flowers, cards, food, visits and phone calls and tributes to S.T.A.R.S. A special thank you to Rev. Malcolm Proffitt and to Mike Cala, Mountain View Funeral Chapels. Len and family.

The family of Alex Coulter would like to thank all the people who have been so wonderful the past several weeks. Thank you to the staff of the Didsbury Hospital who were so comforting to our Dad. Also thank you to the St. Cyprian's ACW and the Mountain View Funeral Chapel. Finally thank you to all the people who visited Dad during his hospital stay.

We would like to thank all of the people for their kindness and consideration during our time of sorrow. In the passing of our sister-in-law, Audrey. Many people sent cards, flowers & food to our homes. Your kindness and consideration is greatly appreciated. A thank you to Reverend Bob Bettson for the Church service. To the Royal Purple Ladies and the Anglican Church Ladies for supplying lunch. As well thanks to all the staff at the nursing home for the excellent care given to Audrey while she was in the nursing home.

Sincerely,

The Gooding and Persinger Families.

OBITUARIES

SVERDAHL-Ruth Elenore Sverdahl passed away November 22, 2001 at the age of 81 years. Ruth is survived by husband, Len; four children, Louise (Al), Richard, Carole (Bill), Marla (Bob); fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers and several nieces and nephews. Ruth was predeceased by parents and daughter, Sharon. Funeral services were held on Monday, November 26, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. in the Delia Community Hall with Reverend Malcolm Proffitt officiating. Memorial tributes in Ruth's honor may be made directly to S.T.A.R.S. Air Ambulance, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570, Calgary, AB, T2E 9Z9 or the charity of one's choice. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury entrusted with arrangements.

DECOTTIGNIES-Katharina (known as Katie) Decottignies (nee Feuser) passed away on November 25, 2001 at the age of 88 years. She was born October 18, 1913 in Bonn, West Germany and came to Calgary in 1956. Katie resided with her sister Christa who cared for her over the past 10 years until she was hospitalized. Christa continued looking after her needs until she passed away. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles in 1987; mother, Marie in 1980, father, Adam in 1952 and sister Elsie Herdt in 1998. She is survived by her 2 sisters, Christa Feuser of Didsbury, Agnes (Heinz) Ross of Canal Flats, BC; brother, Heinz (Lydia) Feuser of Edmonton; brother-in-law, Herman Herdt of Oliver, BC; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews from New Brunswick, Cochrane, British Columbia and Calgary. Memorial services were held on Saturday, December 1, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. in the Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury. Memorial tributes in Katie's honor may be made directly to Rosebud Health Foundation, Didsbury. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury entrusted with arrangements.

MURPHY-Edna Murphy (March 13, 1956 - November 28, 2001) - Tom, Courtney Murphy, Nicole (Zach) Morgan and all the family mourn the loss of a wonderful mother, wife, daughter and sister. Edna fought her illness for 4 years with nothing less than a smile. She never lost her sense of humor, not for one minute. It was her humor that got us all through the tough times. Edna accepted what came her way with a beautiful smile, she never complained. Her smile and her love for life shone though all the pain. Edna was so strong; she was a source of strength for all around her. "God looked upon His Garden and found an empty space, then He looked down upon earth and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest, God's Garden must be beautiful, for He only takes the best. He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb. He closed your weary eyes and whispered, "Peace be thine". It broke our hearts to let you go, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you to God's Garden, your new home." We miss you more than words can say, we love you so much. See you in the sunset.... It was Edna's request that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to: Hospice Calgary (Rosedale), #300, 628-12 Ave. S.W., Calgary, AB, T2R 0H6 or Tom Baker Cancer Center, 1331-29 St. N.W., Calgary, AB, T2N 4N2. Include with the donation, on a piece of paper, your address and the following information for a tax receipt: In memory of Edna Murphy, Box 1411, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0. Make cheques payable to **Alberta Cancer Foundation**. On the memo line of the cheque please include "Breast Cancer Fund." Memorial service was held on Monday, December 3/01. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury entrusted with arrangements.



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Going to see Christmas lights in Calgary Dec. 13, 2001. Leaving 5-0 at 4 p.m. Florence 335-3327 for reservations.

St. Anthony's Choral Group will present an evening of Christmas carols with an opportunity to "Sing Along". Refreshments & lunch to follow program. Sunday Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. No admission charge. Everyone welcome.

DIDSBURY

Christmas Party

Royal Purple & Elks family Christmas Party on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Elks Hall, potluck. Everyone welcome.

5-0 Dinner

Dec. 12, 12:30 p.m. Turkey supplied, bring vegetable, salad or dessert. 50 & over welcome.

Meeting

Regular meeting of the Didsbury Lifeline Society Monday, December 10, 10 a.m. at Town Office. Everyone welcome.

M.V. Christian Women's Club Breakfast

Dec. 11th from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the 5-0 Club. Cost is \$5 per person and the topic is Treasures. For reservations call 337-3200 or 335-3765.

DIDSBURY

Meeting

Compassionate Friends - last Thursday of each month (except December), 7:30 p.m. in Board Room at Drumheller Health Unit. Contact Linda Adams at 823-3341.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting - Second Monday of each month 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Jean at the Town Office at 335-3391.

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. and 2nd & 4th Saturdays for the fall at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. At Redeemer Lutheran Church, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

DIDSBURY

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

RECYCLING DEPOT

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CASH BINGO

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DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2001-2002 school year. No parent commitment or fundraising required. Call 335-8039 or 335-4697 for info.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible. Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

DIDSBURY

AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, 335-9787 or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury Home Help Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

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SPORTS

HOCKEY

Didsbury bantams undefeated on the weekend

Didsbury Bantams played against Dutchess on Saturday in a league game, giving fans a great contest to watch, with a final score of 6-6.

Didsbury stayed on top of the game in the first period with three goals to Dutchess's 2. By the end of the second period Dutchess turned the tide slightly to a 4-4 score.

Well matched, both teams kept the heat on popping two more goals each. Goals: Cody Edwards, Cordell Christensen, Brad Edwards, Brett Fillmore. Assists: Christopher Gole, Jeff Clazie, Jordan Neufeld, Brenden Meston, Aaron Herold. Great game by all!

On Sunday, Didsbury hosted an exhibition game with Cochrane and pulled off a win with a 5-4 score.

Goals: Daryk Durocher, Brad Edwards, Cody Edwards, Cordell Christensen. Assists: Jeff Clazie, Brett Fillmore, Charles Weber, Will Harvie.

Good team work and close scoring games like that are a thrill to watch. This weekend's schedule is still a mystery but what anticipation that creates in all their fans.



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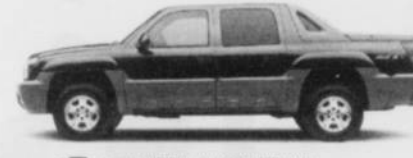
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